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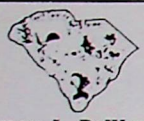

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COVER PHOTO

Wives of the Young Farmer Executive Committee add a bicentennial flavor to the 28th annual convention of the Association. They are, left to right, Anne Reeves, Maida Dantzler, Sharon DeWitt, Margie Arant, Marcia Mitchell, Patricia Beer, and Carole McClimon.

NOTES *from the* Executive Secretary

TO FUTURE FARMERS

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

Elton Bouldin, National FFA Vice President, will participate in our 1976 State FFA Convention scheduled to be held June 2-4, at Clemson University. Elton is a diversified livestock farmer from Boaz, Alabama. Be sure that your chapter is represented at the convention this year. Two voting delegates plus all contest and award winners should attend from each chapter.

Your Cherry Grove FFA Camp will open for business on May 31, and operate the first three weeks in June for regular camping again this year. Reservations for camp attendance are due now. Members attending can expect a very good week of swimming, sports, leadership training and relaxation.

Plans are also underway to offer a four-day leadership conference for chapter officers and potential officers June 22-25, at the FFA camp. Our State FFA Officers plus a National Officer will conduct the leadership conference this year. FFA members attending the conference during the past summers have experienced a memorable week of learning combined with a relaxed atmosphere. Make your plans now to attend the leadership conference.

Our FFA organization has some activity or program that every member can participate in. From home improvement to horse proficiency, the 19 proficiency award areas cover the broad and diversified field of agriculture and agri-business. Ask your advisor to assist you to select and complete applications for those FFA activities that match your interests.

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S. C. YOUNG FARMER DELEGATION TO NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

The group of Young Farmers and Farmerettes shown above represented the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers in the 9th annual Young Farmer Educational Institute in Atlanta, Ga. Shown, left to right, are: Front row — Walter and Maida Dantzler of Holly Hill, Raymond and Fredda Taylor, Danny and Pat Nance, all of Lake View, Theron and Sharon DeWitt, Sara Longrie and C. M. Thompson, all of Darlington.

Second row — Betty Smith of Lake View, Robert and Gayle Shuler of Bowman, John Faye and Sybil Berry of Saluda, Carole and Hugh McClimon of Anderson, Louise Austin and Margie Arant, both of Bowman and Anne Reeves of Reevesville.

Third row — Jim Smith of Lake View, George McKenzie and Scott Hoffmeyer, both of Darlington, W. B. Wilkerson of Hickory Grove, Dr. Lloyd Blanton of Clemson, Pat and Allen Beer of Chester, Timrod Austin, Pauline and Larry Patrick, all of Bowman.

Part of the S. C. Young Farmers who participated in the National Young Farmer Educational Institute in Atlanta and their wives are shown enjoying lunch in Amicalola Falls State Park during a break in touring farms. Left to right, Walter and Maida Dantzler of Holly Hill, Anne and Doug Reeves of Reevesville, Robert Shuler of Bowman, Allen Beer of Chester, Todd Arant, Gayle Shuler and Margie Arant, all of Bowman, Hugh and Carole McClimon of Anderson, and Patricia Beer of Chester.

YOUNG FARMER STATE LEADERS 1976

State officers for the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers for 1976 are, left to right: Theron L. DeWitt, Jr., Darlington, President; Allen L. Beer, Richburg, President-Elect; Tolbert Mitchell, Saluda, District I Vice President; C. Eugene Berry, Jr., Batesburg, District II Vice President; Cecil M. Rogers, Lake View, District III Vice President; and Walter Dantzler, Santee, District IV Vice President. Election came at the close of the group's annual convention held in Columbia in January.

Young Farmer President Speaks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your participation in the S. C. Young Farmers in the past and ask for your continued support in the future.

Our State Young Farmer Association can only be as successful as we make it on a local level. As you know, we have state competition in various categories such as electrification, corn yield, and soybean yield, which offer substantial cash awards and plaques. In order to stimulate interest in these contests, as well as all young farmer activities, we urge you to instigate local contests with local sponsors. The winners of these chapter contests should be entered in district and state contests.

We are encouraging each district to have district meetings for the purpose of getting to know other young farmers in your district as well as share ideas for improving our Association.

The State Officers will be glad to help in any way and welcome any suggestions you might have for making our organization more beneficial to all of South Carolina's Young Farmers. Please feel free to contact the State Officer from your district or myself if we can be of any assistance. (See directory—page 2.)

Theron DeWitt, Jr.

SOUTH CAROLINA YOUNG FARMERS HOLD BICENTENNIAL CONVENTION

Columbia's Mayor John T. Campbell was on hand to give South Carolina Young Farmers, wives, advisors and guests, a warm welcome to the city of Columbia. The occasion was the 28th annual convention of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers.

Sheriff John W. Gunter of Anderson, Indiana was the guest speaker for the Young Farmer awards banquet. Sheriff Gunter is known as the "Singing Sheriff" and a noted lawman, entertainer and public speaker. His stories, imitations and songs delighted the 375 Young Farmers and guests in attendance.

(The "Singing Sheriff" appeared courtesy Pioneer Hi-Bred, Inc.)

The 28th annual and bicentennial convention of the S. C. Association of Young Farmers got underway with a luncheon for past presidents, state officers, officer candidates and staff at the Wade Hampton Hotel. The official session of the 2-day convention was opened with a welcome by Mayor John T. Campbell. Highlighting the opening general session was an ESTATE PLANNING panel featuring Dr. George Van Tungeln, Coordinator of Special Instructional Programs for the College of Agricultural Sciences, Clemson University, Dr. W. A. Tinsley, Associate Professor, Agricultural Economics, Clemson University, and Peter Curio, estate tax attorney for the Internal Revenue Service in Columbia. Much interest was shown in this discussion which is a very important and timely topic for all farm families. Capping the opening session was an elaborate slide presentation by Stauffer Chemical Company of Tampa, Florida, entitled "Stewards of the Soil."

The Farmerette program got underway with a welcome from Anne Reeves, wife of President Doug Reeves. Guests were introduced by Sharon DeWitt. Door prizes were awarded by Maida Dantzler, Patricia Beer, Linda Mixon, Margie Arant and Marcia Mitchell, all wives of Young Farmer officers. Following the brief introductions a most interesting program was conducted on "Eggscellent Ideas" by Dave Carter, Manager of the S. C. Egg Board, and Mrs. Peggie Davis, S. C. Department of Agriculture.

Following the afternoon session Young Farmers, wives, friends and guests gathered for the annual awards banquet to honor the Association's coveted Young Farmer of the Year, which is traditionally the high point of the convention and banquet session. Presentation of other awards in the areas of overall chapter achievement, farm and home electrification, soybean production, and corn production were also made during the banquet.

Election of officers to lead the Association in 1976 came during the closing session.

BICENTENNIAL CONVENTION

YOUNG FARMERS HONOR OUTSTANDING

TOP YOUNG FARMERS

Dr. R. A. Darr, right, presented plaques and awards in the South Carolina Young Farmer of the Year contest on behalf of the Federal Land and Federal Intermediate Credit Banks of Columbia and the Production Credit Associations of South Carolina. Shown are Vernon Rahn, District IV Young Farmer of the Year, Colleton chapter (Dennis Haltiwanger, advisor), left, Charles L. Poole, District II winner, Pelion chapter (Freddie Waltz, advisor), second from right, and, center, State Young Farmer of the Year for 1975 John R. Arnold of the Darlington chapter (G. S. McKenzie, advisor). Allen R. Walcher, District I winner, of the Progressive chapter at Inman (H. B. Waldrop, advisor), was absent when picture was made.

This award is designed to recognize Young Farmers from throughout the state who have made outstanding progress toward becoming successfully established in farming. Establishment of a home, participation in Young Farmer activities, outstanding leadership qualities and activities are also considered. Each district winner received an engraved tray and $100 cash. The state winner received an engraved bowl and $300 cash.

BLUE RIBBON CHAPTERS

Representatives of the top Young Farmer chapters in South Carolina for 1975 were on hand to receive awards at the recent Young Farmer Convention in Columbia. They are shown, left to right, Roy Hungerpillar, Jr., president, Bowman chapter, District IV and state winner (H. L. Beach, advisor); Charles Poole, president, Pelion chapter, District II winner (Freddie Waltz, advisor); and Mac Thompson, president, St. John's Darlington chapter, District III winner (G. S. McKenzie, advisor) being congratulated by Charles Conley, District Manager, Gold Kist, Inc., Orangeburg, sponsors of the award. Not present when picture was taken was Steve McAlister, president, Pendleton chapter, District I winner (George M. Reed, Jr., advisor).

The district winners received a plaque and $100 cash and the state winner received an additional plaque and an additional $200 cash.

The purpose of this award is to encourage local chapters throughout the state to plan and conduct challenging programs for all the members.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT AWARDS BANQUET

SOYBEAN CHAMPS

A. S. Warren, left, Director of Membership Relations, FCX, Inc., Raleigh, N. C., presented district and state awards in the S. C. Association of Young Farmers' 5-acre soybean contest at the annual Young Farmer Association's convention recently in Columbia. Shown, third from left, is Wayne Ligon, Chester chapter (Allen Beer, advisor), who was declared state winner, producing 68.95 bushels/acre. Also shown are Gerald Comer, second from left, Saluda chapter (W. A. Whitfield, advisor), and Ben Williamson, right, Darlington chapter (G. S. McKenzie, advisor) who received district awards. District winners received $75 cash and an engraved plaque and the state winner received $175 and an additional plaque. FCX, Inc. is the sponsor of the award.

ELECTRIFICATION WINNERS

James T. Busby, Jr., left, Rt. 2, Starr, a member of the Crescent Young Farmer chapter, was declared state winner in the S. C. Young Farmer Association's farm and home electrification award. H. S. Clinkscales is chapter advisor. Shown with Busby, second from left to right, are Duane Fink, Rt. 2, Gilbert, a member of the Gilbert chapter (Jack Cunningham, advisor), and Landis Hiers, Ehrhardt, a member of the Colleton chapter (Dennis Haltiwanger, advisor), both district farm and home electrification winners. E. J. Tyson, far right, Manager, Agricultural Engineering, Duke Power Company, presented the awards on behalf of Duke Power and S. C. Electric and Gas Companies, sponsors of the award. The state winner received $200 cash and an engraved plaque and district winners each received $100 cash and an engraved plaque. Johnny Ross, Rt. 2, Society Hill, a member of the St. John's chapter (G. S. McKenzie, advisor), and a district winner, was absent when picture was made.

YOUNG FARMER OF THE YEAR

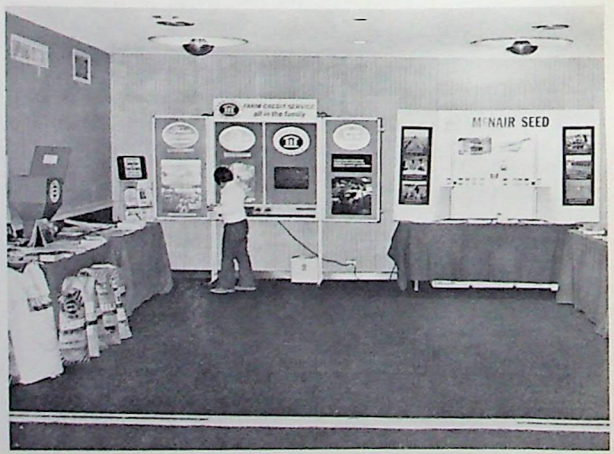
Dr. R. A. Darr, representing the Federal Land and Federal Intermediate Credit Banks of Columbia and the Production Credit Associations of South Carolina, is shown congratulating Mr. and Mrs. John R. Arnold, of the Colleton chapter (G. S. McKenzie, advisor) on being named South Carolina's Young Farmer of the Year by the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers. The couple received an engraved bowl and tray and a $300 cash award.

CORN WINNERS

Winners of the 1975 South Carolina Young Farmer Association's 3-acre corn contest are shown after receiving plaques from Sam Parker, representing Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company of Hartsville, sponsors of this award. Left to right, Wayne Kneece, Pelion chapter (Freddie Walter, advisor), Julian Murray, Darlington chapter (G. S. McKenzie, advisor), Jimmy Brown, state winner, Colleton chapter (Dennis Haltiwanger, advisor). The district winner each received a plaque and $50 cash and the state winner a plaque and $100 cash.

Coker's sponsors this competition to encourage Young Farmers to increase corn yield through the use of high quality seed, adequate fertilization and improved agricultural practices.

Shown enjoying the ladies' program at the 28th annual convention of the S. C. Young Farmers Association are a group of wives of Young Farmers who participated freely in the "Eggscellent Ideas" as demonstrated by Dave Carter, Manager of the S. C. Egg Board and Mrs. Peggie Davis, of the S. C. Department of Agriculture.



An unidentified "Junior" Young Farmer checks the exhibits while Young Farmers attend one of the interesting sessions during the annual conference.

JUDGE GENTRY

The Honorable John T. Gentry, Judge, Pickens Civil and Criminal Court, a noted judge, speaker, civic, church and community worker, addressed the final session of the 28th annual Young Farmer Convention with a most appropriate, entertaining and thought-provoking speech, which brought the highly successful convention to a close.

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During the S. C. Association of Young Farmers' bicentennial convention they honored three retired agricultural education staff members for their outstanding contributions to the organization since it began 28 years ago. All three served the Association from a district office, W. M. Mahoney, Anderson; W. R. Carter, Walterboro and L. J. Carter, Florence. Each received an engraved plaque that expressed the organization's appreciation for their long and valuable service.

CALL TO FFA CONVENTION

By the power vested in me as President of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America, I am pleased to issue a call for all chapters to send two representatives to the State Convention at Clemson University June 2-4.

This year's convention promises to be the most successful yet. With us for the convention will be National Southern Region Vice President Elton Bouldin, along with big sponsors, award winners, degree recipients, state leaders and other VIPs. They'll be looking at you and the FFA. A fine image has been portrayed in the past. I have faith that our image shall continue in its finest tradition. Let's look sharp, act sharp, and be sharp.

Help make the 49th State FFA Convention the most rewarding, inspirational, and successful yet. I'll see you in June.

Tommy Gladden

YORK-PELION WIN

FFA SOIL IDENTIFICATION LAND USE CONTEST

FIRST YORK

Left to right, W. S. Wilkins, vocational agriculture teacher and York team advisor, is shown with first place team members Bill Nance, Jim Miskelly, Robert Blair, and M. C. Martin, exhibiting the District II and state winning plaques, and John Boone, representative of Duke Power Company, Lancaster, one of the sponsors.

SECOND PELION

The second place state winner, Pelion chapter, is shown, left to right, agriculture teacher and team advisor Freddie Waltz, and team members Frank Stover, Jr., Alex Shumpert, Doug Berry and Jakie Fulmer, and Joe Brown, S. C. Electric and Gas Co., representing the sponsors.

TOP INDIVIDUALS

Earl Glasscock, right, representing S. C. Electric and Gas Company, one of the sponsors of the contest, presented awards to first place individual winner Jim Miskelly and second place individual M. C. Martin, left, both of York, as team advisor W. S. Wilkins, second from right, looks on approvingly.

Future Farmers of America soil judging teams from York High School (York County) and Pelion High School (Lexington County) topped 14 other teams to take first and second place honors, respectively, in the 21st annual FFA Soil Identification and Land Treatment Meet. Sixteen 4-member teams already tested earlier in chapter and FFA federation competition vied for the honor of representing the South Carolina Association in the International Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The top two teams each received $700 for expenses to attend the national meet and both were awarded plaques as the top Palmetto State soil judging teams.

The York chapter tallied 605 points to head the field with the Pelion chapter scoring 590 points. The coveted first place individual award went to Jim Miskelly of York who scored 219 of a possible 240 points. He received a plaque and $175 for a trip to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri this fall. Second place individual honors went to M. C. Martin, of the York chapter, who scored 210 points to win an engraved gold watch. District honors went to the following teams: Crescent, H. S. Clinkscales, advisor; Loris, John A. Rankin, advisor; and John Ford, Alvin Larke, Jr., advisor. Annual sponsors are Duke Power, S. C. Electric and Gas and Carolina Power and Light Companies.

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$100 cash and silver tray to top Young Farmer in each district

$300 and silver bowl to State Young Farmer-of-the-Year

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Outstanding Chapter Award

First place in each district — $100 cash and an engraved plaque

Top chapter in state — $300 cash and engraved plaque

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Farm and Home Electrification Award

$100 cash to the winner in each district

$200 cash to the state winner

Sponsored by Carolina Power and Light, Duke Power and South Carolina Electric and Gas Companies

5-acre Soybean Production Award

$75 cash and engraved plaque to top Young Farmer in each district

$200 cash and engraved plaque to state winner

Sponsored by FCX, Incorporated

3-acre Corn Contest

$50 cash to top producers in each district

$100 cash to top producer in state

Sponsored by Coker Pedigreed Seed Company

Young Farmer Chapter Membership Awards

$50 cash to chapter with largest member increase

$50 cash to chapter with largest percentage increase

Sponsored by Southern Grain Storage Distributors

Convention Attendance Award

The Young Farmer chapter with the largest attendance at the State Convention receives $50 cash

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General Rules of Eligibility

In order to participate in the awards program sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers the chapter must be in good standing with the state association. Membership dues with the names and addresses of members must be in the district office by May 31. Individual members submitting dues after May 31 will not be eligible to participate.

Young Farmer members past the age of 40 as of May 31 are not eligible to participate in the awards program or serve as state officers. For details concerning any of the above awards contact your advisor.

Soil Identification Treatment and Land Use was serious business to the sixteen FFA judging teams from throughout South Carolina who participated in the recent Field Day to determine who represents South Carolina in the National FFA Soils Meet in Oklahoma City.

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